

Fact Sheet



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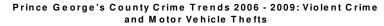
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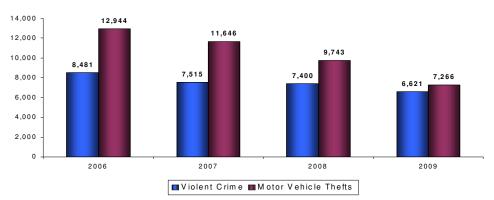
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Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime numbers in a quarter of a century. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 3 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Prince George's County has seen a significant 17.9% reduction in total crime, a 21.9% reduction in violent crime (a reduction in 1,860 total violent crimes), and a 17.1% reduction in property crime. In addition, the county has experienced significant reductions in homicides (-26.2%), rapes (-23.0%), robberies (-18.8%), aggravated assaults (-24.9%), larceny/thefts (-13.4%), and motor vehicle thefts (-43.9%) over the same 3 year period.





PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided \$11,493,527 in grant funding to Prince George's County from 2007-2009 to prevent and control crime, As a result, Prince George's County has:

- Recovered or seized 794 guns
- Made 126 gun arrests
- Prosecuted 222 gun cases
- Arrested 216 gang members
- Conducted 3,361 sex offender compliance verifications
- Entered 715 protective orders into state databases

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Prince George's County's success.

- Project "Safety Net"- The Prince George's County Health Department's Network for Entry into Treatment project continues to reduce substance abuse and recidivism by sustaining well-mapped pathways between substance abuse services and criminal justice agencies. Through interlinked initiatives, Prince George's County addresses drug education and enhances the assessment, placement, and treatment needs of populations who have, or are at risk, for having criminal justice system involvement.
- Foreclosure Mortgage Fraud Initiative A highly successful mortgage fraud unit supported by grant funding from GOCCP is operating in the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office and is responsible for identifying, investigating, and prosecuting individuals and entities involved with foreclosure and mortgage-related fraud. Since its inception, the unit has indicted and prosecuted 26 individuals for mortgage and foreclosure fraud while additional cases are awaiting indictment.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- License Plate Recognition
- Project "Safety Net"
- Violent Crime Reduction
- MHz Radio System
- E-Citation
- Gun Violence Reduction
- CSAFE
- Warrant Reduction
- Juvenile Drug Court
- Alternative Sentencing
- Community Prosecution

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

- Violent Crime Reduction The Prince George's County Violent Crime Reduction initiative helps police officers investigate, arrest, and prosecute violent criminals. A police task force: the Violent Crimes Unit works with investigative components, Special Assignment Teams, and neighboring jurisdictions to reduce area crime. High visibility police presence coupled with proactive, aggressive police work has had a direct impact on reducing crime. Using sound analytical techniques, the VCU is able to identify high crime areas and emerging crime trends so resources can be deployed according to need. The VCU continues to exhibit outstanding and dedicated police work making the county safer for the citizens and residents in the community. The County's 26.9% reduction in homicide and its 21.9% overall reduction in violent crime from 2006 2009 are clear evidence of success.
- Warrant Reduction The Maryland State Police entered into a partnership with the United States Marshals Service and the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force in October of 2008 with a mission of reducing violent crime in Prince George's County by targeting fugitives wanted on felony warrants. With the creation of its first ever warrant task force, and with help from The Division of Parole & Probation and the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, warrant reduction efforts have been dramatically expanded. In addition, GOCCP provides funding to the Prince George's County Sheriff's office in a further effort to reduce warrant backlogs and remove dangerous offenders from the street before they re-offend.
- Firearms Interdiction Task Force This task force is responsible for the proactive enforcement of firearms related laws in Prince George's County. FITF is staffed by investigators from MSP, the Prince George's County Police Department, and the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. This task force is also assisted by ATF Special Agents on a need basis to enforce federal prosecutions of violent gun offenders.
- New Radio System Prince George's County recently developed a 700 MHz radio system that enables all public safety agencies to seamlessly communicate throughout the County to increase law enforcement's ability to protect its citizens. This radio system is available to all municipalities around the County. Through funding made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, GOCCP allocated funds to 23 municipalities which allowed for the acquisition of radios that are compatible with the new county system.



"Law enforcement efforts in Prince George's County have successfully focused on violent crimes, concentrating resources in those areas where they are most needed. The result has been significant decreases in violent crime, and increased safety and security for county residents. These efforts have been undertaken in partnership with local municipalities, neighboring jurisdictions, and the state."

Governor Martin O'Malley